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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: NA
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SUBJECT: TODMAN SWEARING-IN AND APPEARANCE BEFORE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE

1. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR SWEARING IN ON APRIL 11. I HAVE READ YOUR REMARKS AND FIND THEM MOST VALUABLE IN DEFINING OUR INTERESTS IN LATIN AMERICA. THAT IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF YOUR STATEMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, REGIONAL DIVERSITY, NON-INTERVENTION AND THE NEED TO ACCOMMODATE THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

2. ALSO, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR APRIL 5 TESTIMONY BEFORE THE INTER-AMERICAN SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, WHICH I BELIEVE IS A FRIENDLY COMMITTEE, REGARDING MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO LATIN AMERICA. I HOPE THAT THE COMMITTEE AND THE CONGRESS ADOPT YOUR POLICY POINTS. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT THE OFFER OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND THE PRESENCE OF MILGPS ARE IMPORTANT FACTORS IN FURTHERING U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST IN HONDURAS, AS WELL AS IN OTHER RELEVANT AREAS. I HOPE THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND MILGPS SO AS TO SUSTAIN THE LEVEL OF INFLUENCE THAT WE NOW POSSESS IN HONDURAS. IT IS CLEAR THAT ALL THE COUNTRIES SOUTH OF THE RIO GRANDE SHOULD NOT BE TREATED ALIKE BY GENERALIZED LAWS BUT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR SPECIFIC SITUATION.

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3. I THINK THAT YOUR REVIVAL OF THE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS TELEGRAM IS BENEFICIAL. IT SERVES THE USEFUL PURPOSE OF ALLOWING US IN THE FIELD TO KNOW HOW ARA IS DEALING WITH PROBLEMS ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS. I LOOK FORWARD TO COLLABORATING WITH YOU TO THE FULLEST POSSIBLE EXTENT IN THE DAYS TO COME. REGARDS.

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